

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2023
2:00 PM

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES MARCH 14, 2023

Call to Order: 2:05

	<p><u>Roll Call:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson L. Hamilton Ferguson, MSA- Board Member</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> Joette James, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><u>HRLA Staff</u> LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Investigator Amanda Attiya, Policy Analyst</p> <p><u>Visitors</u> Chelsey Bowman, PhD Sharon Shih, PhD Lisa Carlin, PhD Linda Herbert, PhD Laura Gray, PhD</p>	
<p>OS-0314-01</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the March 14, 2023 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to accept the March 14, 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0314-02</p>	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operational Status Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Board meeting will be held in a Hybrid mode. ○ Licensure Census 	

- Psychologist: 1527
- Psychology associates: 249
- Legislative Updates
 - Dr. Sharon Lewis will be testifying tomorrow in the Committee on Health on DC Health’s proposed FY24 budget. The hearing will take place on April 12, 2023.
 - Ms. LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director thanked Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Board Chair for testifying on behalf of the Board on the Committee on Health which was held a Performance Oversight Hearing relating to DC Health on February 28, 2023.
- Reminder:
2023 In-Person Board Meeting Dates:
 - May 9, 2023
 - July 11, 2023
 - September 12, 2023
 - The Board Meeting will start at 2pm (instead of 1:30pm).
 - The Board is also seeking new Board Members (Two (2) Psychologist Board Member). Other Boards are also

- **BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

- Update on COVID-19 Requirement: Only those health care workers who are hired by, employed by, contracted with, or granted privileges or credentials by healthcare facilities regulated by DC health are now subject to the COVID- 19 vaccine “Requirement”. And, if such health care workers wish to request an exemption to the vaccine requirement, they must request such from their employer (facility) if so desired. DC Health is no longer involved in this process. As well, the COVID-19 vaccination **is now referred to as a “Requirement” for this group of health care workers. It is no longer referred to as a “mandate.”**

- **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Anthony Jimenez also reported that the Board is seeking additional Board members. Our two (2) previous board members were affiliated with DC government. Per MOTA requirements, board members cannot work or contract with DC government. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are two (2) pending applications for new Board members. ● ASPPB Mid-Year Meeting will be held in April 2023 in Denver, Colorado. ASPPB Annual Meeting will be held in September 2023 in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Jimenez would like to attend the annual meeting in Ohio. Ms. Herndon indicated that she would work on having Dr. Jimenez register to take the DC Health Training for travelers. 	
<p>OS-0314-03</p>	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from November 8, 2022 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to accept the November 8, 2022, Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0314-04</p>	<p><u>Telepsychology- Supervision Guidance</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To discuss and determine whether to extend the policy statement.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and the allowance of telehealth.</p> <p>The Board drafted a guidance on tele-psychology and remote supervision during the COVID-19 Health Emergency policy statement. This policy guidance governs practice and supervision from March 11, 2020 to December 31, 2020. It was then</p>	

	<p>extended until January 2022. It was then extended until August 31, 2022. In November 2022, the Board extended the policy to January 31, 2023.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to extend the policy statement guidance on telepsychology and remote supervision permanently. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0314-05</p>	<p><u>Question on International Tele-Supervision</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether international tele-supervision is permissible.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> A student, who is currently enrolled into educational program and is under supervision of a DC licensed psychologist, will be traveling in the summer to overseas. The supervisor wants to know whether or not the tele-supervision can be conducted while the supervisee (student) is physically located internationally. The supervisor and the patient will physically be in DC.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion was made. However, the board has no issue for the supervisee to conduct tele-supervision internationally.</p>	
<p>OS-0314-06</p>	<p><u>EPPP Part 2</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To discuss the timing/mechanism for approval to take the EPPP Part 2.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Some psychology associates shared their concerns regarding the conflict between their employment and the EPPP Part 2 requirements. In order to qualify for EPPP Part 1 and Part 2 in DC, an applicant must meet the psychological practice experience (PPE). Prior to EPPP Part 2 requirements, registered psychology associates were able to sit for EPPP Part I in other states (such as</p>	

	<p>Virginia and Maryland) and obtain those other state licenses while completing the required 4000 hours of PPE in DC. Once they've completed their PPE, they would apply for DC psychology license and transfer their EPPP Part 1. However, since DC is now requiring EPPP Part 2, psychology applicants (registered psychology associates) are having difficulties getting approved for the EPPP Part 2 in other states since many states are not requiring EPPP Part 2 yet. Those registered psychology associates will have to wait until the completion of their PPE in DC to qualify for the EPPP 2 in DC. They would like to inform the Board that this is affecting/delaying their hiring date as psychologists.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion was made. Some of the Board Members and the administrative staff will discuss this matter on March 21, 2023, and the discussion information will be place at the May Board Meeting. Tabled for the next Board meeting.</p>	
<p>OS-0314-07</p>	<p><u>Continuing Education Requirements</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to discuss whether or not to expand what the board accepts for CEs.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion was made.</p>	
<p>OS-0314-08</p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0314-09

MOTION TO CLOSE

Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

Background:

Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:

1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a).
2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6).
3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2575(b)(9).
4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).

Motion:

Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to close the Open Session Meeting. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.

Vote:

Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Open Session Agenda continues on the next page with '**Motion to Adjourn**'. The next meeting is scheduled on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023.**

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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